

# Ready to Read

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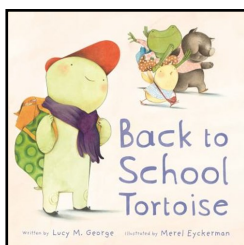
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## Library Books about Starting School

### **Back to School, Tortoise**

by Lucy M. George

Summer is over, and Tortoise must summon the courage to go back to school.



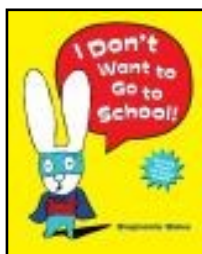
### **Dinosaur Starts School**

by Pamela Duncan Edwards

Dinosaur worries about the first day of school, but with the help of a reassuring classmate, he finds that school can be fun.

### **Foxy** by Emma Dodd

Emily is worried about starting school for the first time, but Foxy waves his magic tail to provide what she needs to be ready.



### **I Don't Want to Go to School!**

by Stephanie Blake

Simon the rabbit does not want to go to his first day of school, but by the time his mother comes to take him home, he is having such a good time that he does not want to leave.

### **I'm Not Ready!** by Jonathan Allen

Baby Owl is nervous about starting school, so he tells his mother that he is not ready because he has to put his toys away, brush his feathers and find his backpack.

### **Kitty Cat, Kitty Cat, Are You Going to School?**

by Bill Martin, Jr.

On the first day of school, Kitty Cat discovers that there are many things to enjoy.

### **The Night Before Preschool** by Natasha Wing

Billy is too nervous to sleep the night before he begins preschool.

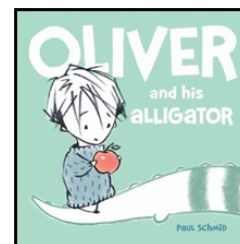
### **Not this Bear** by Alyssa Satin Capucilli

It is Bear's first day at school, and he is sure he will not like anything, but school turns out to be full of fun – painting pictures, listening to stories and making new friends.

### **Oliver and his Alligator**

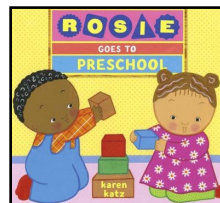
by Paul Schmid

Nervous about the first day of school, Oliver brings an alligator to school for protection.



### **Pout-Pout Fish Goes to School** by Deborah Diesen

Mr. Fish recalls how, on his very first day of school, he went to different classrooms watching students do things he could not, until Miss Hewitt showed him to the room that was just right for him.



### **Rosie Goes to Preschool**

by Karen Katz

Rosie, a helpful preschooler, offers advice to children facing their first day of preschool.

### **Seven Little Mice Go to School** by Haruo Yamashita

Mother Mouse finds a clever way to send her seven little mice to school on their first day.

### **Will I Have a Friend?** by Miriam Cohen

Jim's anxieties on his first day of school are happily forgotten when he makes a new friend.

## Library Books about Monsters



### **Don't Play With Your Food!**

by Bob Shea

A monster named Buddy is determined to eat some cute little bunnies, until they prove to be more enjoyable as playmates.

### **Go Away, Big Green Monster**

by Ed Emberley  
Die-cut pages through which bits of a monster are revealed are designed to help a child control nighttime fears of monsters.

### **Friends**

by Mies van Hout  
In this book about relationships, little monsters become friends who laugh and play, but who also tease, argue and make up.

### **Have You Seen my Monster?**

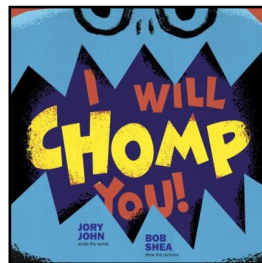
by Steve Light  
This story invites young readers to identify shapes while helping a small girl search the fair for her pet monster.

### **Hush, Little Monsters**

by Denis Markell  
In this variation on a classic lullaby, a monster father promises his baby a variety of visitors, from a screeching owl to a zombie family.

### **I Will Chomp You!**

by Jory John  
A monster tries to chomp any reader who wants to go past the first page of the book in order to keep his cakes safe.



### **If You're a Monster and You Know It**

by Rebecca Emberley  
Monsters sing their own version of this popular song that encourages everyone to express their happiness through voice and movement.

### **Leonardo the Terrible Monster**

by Mo Willems  
Leonardo is terrible at being a monster, but when he finds the perfect nervous little boy, he hopes he can finally scare the tuna salad out of him.

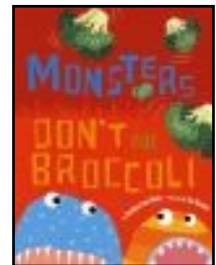
**The Monster Cannot Wait!** by Bethany Barton Stewart is so eager to go with his parents on his first camping trip ever that he will do anything to make the time pass more quickly.

### **Monster Hug!**

by David Ezra Stein  
Two rambunctious young monsters have an action-packed day together.

### **Monsters Don't Eat Broccoli**

by Barbara Jean Hicks  
Illustrations and rhyming text reveal how imagination can spice up even the healthiest meal.



### **Monsters Love Colors**

by Mike Austin  
Playful monsters combine their favorite crayons, red, yellow and blue, to create new colors, including one never before seen.

### **Romping Monsters, Stomping Monsters**

by Jane Yolen  
A fun-filled day at the monster playground features exuberant little monsters swinging, sliding, running three-legged races and sharing monster-sicles.

### **Sockaquatch**

by Frank W. Dormer  
Monster Socksquatch tries to find a sock to warm his cold foot.

**Some Monsters are Different** by David Milgrim  
Monsters celebrate their individuality.

### **Ten Little Beasties**

by Rebecca Emberley  
One by one, ten little monsters appear and then disappear from the page.